

# Battle Force Email (BFEM) and other HF Issues



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# Program Information



- ❑ **Battle Force E-mail 66**
  - ◆ **Sponsor: CNO N61**
  - ◆ **Funding:**
    - **OPN – In Place**
    - **OMN – ISEA Not funded; \$360K required**
  - ◆ **Requirement: High Frequency Data Systems (HFDS) ORD #330-06-93 (modifications for BFEM in approval chain)**

# System Description



- ☐ Provides basic IP data transfer capability between Allied/NATO/Coalition afloat forces
  - ◆ Primarily using HF spectrum
  - ◆ All allies have HF capability
  - ◆ Modern HF modems allow higher performance
  - ◆ File attachments – ASCII & Imagery files
- ☐ Automatic transfer using:
  - ◆ SMTP/POP3 E-Mail messages
  - ◆ Data speeds up to 9.6KBPS coded (half duplex) point-to-point
- ☐ Provides inter-ship user-to-user service
- ☐ Secure transfer using KG-84A/C or KIV-7 crypto

# Battle Force E-Mail Operation



## ☐ Network and Server Operation:

- ◆ System is completely automatic once radio net is properly established.
- ◆ Operates in a Carrier-Sense Multiple Access (CSMA) network discipline.
- ◆ Data is conveyed in a series of point-to-point connections—nearly identical to Ethernet LAN, except at much lower data rates.
- ◆ Radio connection is half-duplex.
- ◆ Member systems monitor the net, but respond only when packet is received with specific user address.

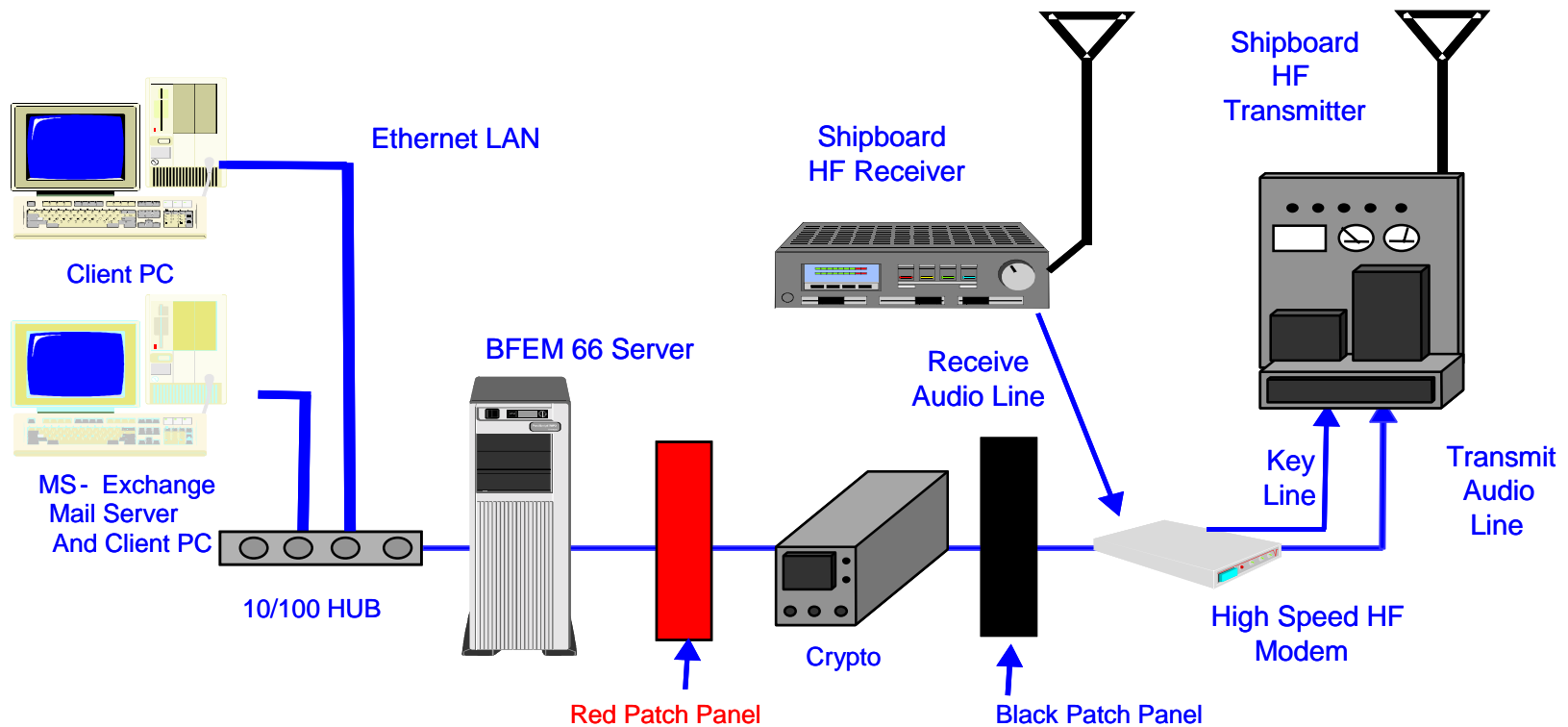
# Battle Force E-Mail Operation - cont.



## **❑ Network and Server Operation:**

- ◆ Adaptive to link quality - number of packets sent increase if link is good.**
- ◆ No E-mail loss due to power disruptions.**
- ◆ Will complete delivery even if radio link is only available intermittently.**
- ◆ Will “return to sender” if delivery is not achieved in a programmable time period.**
- ◆ Packet operation insures error-free delivery.**

# Battle Force E-Mail 66 System Diagram



# R&D Testing



- ❑ **FY 99/FY00 Lab testing SSC SD D846**
  - ◆ 5066 E-mail compliant software from Rockwell-Collins and Marconi.
  - ◆ MIL-STD-188-110B compliant modems from Harris and Rockwell-Collins
  
- ❑ **Back-to-back bench testing and Over-The-Air testing of initial COTS H/W and SW and each upgrade to include**
  - ◆ Point-to-point connections
  - ◆ 3 & 4 networked nodes
  - ◆ Data throughput analysis
  - ◆ STANAG 5066 compliance assessments
  - ◆ Vendor interoperability assessments
  - ◆ US/Allied crypto interoperability evaluations
  - ◆ USN RF Systems interoperability tests
  - ◆ Equipment configuration optimization



# Implementation



## ❑ Two-Phased Effort:

### ◆ Phase I (FY00)

- Funded SSC CHASN directly for BFEM 66 Hardware and Software procurement.
- Procured STANAG 5066 Software using FEDSIM vehicle.
- SSC CHASN - Integrate and Test.
- Installs: TRUMAN/NASSAU BG/ARG  
KITTY HAWK/Essex BG/ARG (FDNF)
- AITs to Install for “Quick Reaction Capability”.

### ◆ Phase II (FY01)

- Free and Open Competition.
- SSCs to participate in Integration/Testing.
- Successful transition to production-based phase.



# Program Plans

- ❑ **Installations: (FY00 funded)**
  - ◆ **TRUMAN/NASSAU BG/ARG, complete**
  - ◆ **KITTY HAWK/ESSEX BG/ARG, in progress**
  - ◆ **CONSTELLATION/BOXER BG/ARG, funded**
  - ◆ **ENTERPRISE/KEARSARGE BG/ARG, funded**
  - ◆ **FDNF MINE SWEEPERS**
    - **USS GUARDIAN**
    - **USS PATRIOT**
    - **USS ARDENT**
    - **USS DEXTROUS**
    - **USS CARDINAL**
    - **USS RAVEN**

# Program Plans cont



## ☐ Installations: (FY01 funded)

- ◆ VINSON/PELELIU BG/ARG
- ◆ TR/BATAAN BG/ARG
- ◆ LINCOLN/BELLEAU WOOD BG/ARG
- ◆ STENNIS/BH RICHARD BG/ARG
- ◆ JFK/WASP BG/ARG
- ◆ WASHINGTON/SAIPAN BG/ARG
- ◆ Command Ships:
  - USS LA SALLE
  - USS CORONADO
  - USS MT WHITNEY
  - USS INCHON

# Current Issues



- ☐ Procurement of 31 BFEM 66 systems for CONSTELLATION/BOXER (12), ENTERPRISE/KEARSARGE BG/ARG (13) and FD Mine Forces (6) for installation in FY01.
- ☐ Analysis of performance of BFEM 66.
- ☐ Message received from CNO on BFEM 66 stating requirement for continued fielding.
- ☐ Letters in approval chain to MDA for:
  - ◆ authorization to continue fielding.
  - ◆ reaffirmation of ACAT IVT designation.
- ☐ Coordinating with sponsor to have BFEM designated “Rapid Deployment System” for acquisition purposes.

# ISEA Funding



## ☐ Following HF/VHF/UHF Legacy Equipment Unfunded:

◆ AN/URC-131 (HFRG)	\$398K
◆ BFEM 66	\$360K
◆ AN/URT-23	\$190K
◆ AN/URC-109	\$276K
◆ HF RECEIVERS	\$170K
◆ HF COUPLERS	\$75K
◆ ANTENNAS	\$75K
◆ AN/URC-80	\$30K
◆ AN/GRC-211 / GRT-21 / GRR-23	\$35K
◆ AN/VRC-46	\$40K
◆ AN/WSC-3(V)7	\$40K
◆ AN/GRC-171	\$20K
◆ HSFB / STANAG HF MODEM	\$40K
◆ AN/FRT-96	\$154K

## ☐ Working with OPNAV N6



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